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Ms. Pat Yingling  
20 Wren Street  
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Dear Ms. Yingling:

Thank you for your electronic mail message to President Clinton expressing your views regarding the implementation of the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act). The White House has asked me to respond to your message.

On May 7, 1997, the Commission adopted the Joint Board's recommendation to provide discounts for telecommunications services for schools and libraries ranging from 20 to 90 percent, with economically disadvantaged schools and libraries receiving the greatest discounts. The Commission adopted the Joint Board's recommended rule that would give schools and libraries maximum flexibility to apply their universal service discount to whatever package of telecommunications services they believe will meet their needs most effectively and efficiently. In addition to all telecommunications services, discounts may be applied to Internet access and internal connections.

The annual cap for the schools and libraries program is \$2.25 billion. During the first half of 1998, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) was directed to collect \$625 million for the school and libraries mechanism. Schools and libraries should begin to receive discounts this fall.

On June 12, 1998, the Commission revised the funding year for the schools and libraries support mechanism and froze the amount of funding for schools and libraries at current rates. With regard to the schools and libraries support mechanism, the Commission directed USAC to collect and disperse no more than \$325 million per quarter for the third and fourth quarters of 1998 and the first and second quarters of 1999. Because the revised funding amounts will not fully satisfy the estimated demand by the schools and libraries that have submitted applications, the Commission revised the disbursement rules to ensure that the most disadvantaged schools and libraries get priority for support. The annual cap remains unchanged. Although the collection amounts have been revised, we will continue our commitment to provide support to eligible schools and libraries for telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections.

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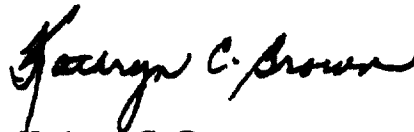
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Ms. Pat Yingling

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The Commission appreciates your interest in this important issue. Your letter will be entered into the public record of the universal service proceeding (CC Docket 96-45).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathryn C. Brown".

Kathryn C. Brown  
Chief  
Common Carrier Bureau

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

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FROM: SUE J. SMITH <sup>395</sup>  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF AGENCY LIAISON

SUBJECT: REFERRAL OF WHITE HOUSE BULK MAIL

Thank you for your continued hard work in ensuring responses to the Presidential letters and inquiries forwarded to your agency. The volume of mail that the President and Mrs. Clinton receive still remains unprecedented.

Please return any misreferrals to me at the following address:

Ms. Sue J. Smith  
Director, Office of Agency Liaison  
Room 6, OEOB  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 202/456-7486.

Thank you very much.

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From yingling@mec.edu Wed Jul 15 10:46:54 1998  
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From:

Pat Yingling  
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Dear President Clinton

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to support the SLC and funding for the erate. As a technology and education consultant I have worked with a number of school districts in Massachusetts this year. My role is to help design wiring plans and to take stock of district techn

These are companies who are profiting from providing a service that is basically a necessity in this day and age. As I understand it they have benefited from given almost free access to the airwaves. These will, of course, be the first people to comp

I cannot emphasize enough how important this money is to schools who now have the added burden of wiring buildings (some of them very old) in addition all the other directives and missions we expect our public schools to handle. I do not think that La

I have heard that some Congressmen believe that the FCC is wasting money in administering this program. I know from having talked to staff members at the SLC that their staffing was and is very limited. By the way these staff members were unfailingly

In closing this small amount of money can go a long way to getting our public and private schools on track for the 21st century. I urge you to continue funding for this valuable program.

Sincerely,

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